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LOCAL AGENCY INFORMATION COMMISSION

Dear Dana M. Smith,

It is my understanding that LAFCO has the responsibility to grant the annexation of properties.

Please DO NOT PERMIT IRVINE TO ANNEX EL TORO!

The enclosed article, "Hijacking El Toro", from the Orange County Register Commentary of Sunday, August 24th, 2003, displays the entire hijacking plan. It is indeed an outrage. We will probably end up with a big park the size of a tennis court.

I am also writing a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, and I will be asking the Navy not to sell the property, but to turn control of the El Toro property over to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for the following reasons:

1. Orange County voted twice approving El Toro as a civilian airport. But the City of Irvine trumped up Measure "W", The "Big Park", which passed, to beat out the airport. This was months and months after much hype of "Anti El Toro" baloney.
2. I have been advised that The National Guard has requested some of the El Toro property to be used in training programs.
3. All of the Military Retirees in Orange County have been begging for the reopening of the Base Commissary, as they were promised the commissary facilities when they retired from their military careers, Camp Pendleton can operate the facility as an annex.
4. The Officers Club was the meeting place of all Military Retiree Organizations in Orange County. That also can be run as an annex to the Pendleton Officers Club.
5. Both the Commissary and Officers Club Buildings are physically located at the very front edge of the base next to the strawberry patch, and can easily be cut off without Changing any future purpose of base use.
6. There are many areas of the base that will not be needed for "The Great Park" that can be sold to builders to help

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raise funds for "Great Park" development.

7. This can be a very successful undertaking by The Orange County Board of Supervisors. Of course they will set up a special Board to Manage this whole program.

8. The El Toro Marines, since 1943, have played a large part in the growth and development of Orange County; now that influence is in the process of vanishing. Wouldn't it be nice to have a couple of Marine Activities still at El Toro keeping "Marine Presence" still alive in Orange County.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. H. Winchester".

E. H. WINCHESTER, SR.....Lieutenant Colonel, U.S.M.C. (Ret.)
Chairman

ENCLOSURE: "Hijacking El Toro"